severe punishment of the delinquents, nevertheless that some example may be made it is thought meet that the sheriff shall take two of the most lewd disposition of these six whose offence is most notorious and least show repentance, whereof£ one shall forthwith be executed in some principal town in the county, and the other sent unto Stratford the Bo\\, to be executed near unto the bridge, but in the county of Essex on some market day in such sort as it may be publicly known also in those parts for what offence he doth suffer

*nth August* ' BEL-VEDERE *

Mr John Bodenham hath yet another book called *Bel-vedLre or The Garden of the Muses,* gathering from the works of our English poets, some dead but for the most part still Irv ing, many learned, grave and witty sentences, each line being a several sentence, and none exceeding two lines at the uttermost All which are subjected under apt and proper heads, to each being added an argument, similes and examples. These heads are sixty-seven in number and treat of God, of conscience, of virtue, of Kings, of friendship, of women, of fate and so forth

*i^tb August* THE MUTINOUS SOLDIERS AT CHESTER

On receipt of the Council's late letter, the Mayor of Chester made known to the whole of the soldiers there what would be the reward of their running away, which proclamation struck such a terror into their hearts as has prevented the running away of whole hundreds Yet some few steal away, and very few are returned by the county, so cunning are they in passing by all towns, bridges and highways Some that were taken near the city, but without certain proof, were brought unto the place of execution in show to be hanged , where, standing upon the

ladder with the ropes about their necks, upon their humble submission and the earnest entreaty of their captains and fellow-soldiers received pardon, conditional that if any man of their companies either mutiny for apparel or run away, both they and these offenders shall receive the extreme rigour of the law By these means much quiet is wrought in the city

*i±tb August* SIR WALTER RALEGH AND THE EARL OF ESSEX

Now that there is talk of admitting the Earl of Essex to his liberty, Sir Walter Ralegh pnvily urgeth Master Secretary not